

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 18, line 27, please amend the previously amended paragraph with the following newly amended paragraph:

Here, the patent map forming system 20 will be described below. From a first-class records stored in the basic data sheet DS, on the basis of values of (e.g., international patent classifications) of first specific items, the values are totalized, and overlapping values are removed ~~collected for rearrangement to degenerate identical values~~. In this state, the values are rearranged in a predetermined arrangement order (e.g., the order of frequency) to be listed (see list 11A in FIG. 11), and the values (e.g., international patent classifications) are sequentially selected from the list (see list 11B in FIG. 11). The values are listed together with sequential first simple codes (first serial numbers) corresponding to the values, and stored and set (first evaluation item listing setting means, list 607 related to “classification” in FIG. 6).

Page 19, line 3, please amend the previously amended paragraph with the following newly amended paragraph:

In addition, from the data group described above, on the basis of the values of second specific items (e.g., applicants), the values are totalized, and overlapping values are removed ~~collected for rearrangement to degenerate identical values~~. In this state, the values are rearranged in a predetermined arrangement order (e.g., the order of frequency) to be listed (see list 14A in FIG. 14), and the values (e.g., applicants) are sequentially selected from the list. The values are listed and set together with sequential second simple codes (second serial numbers) corresponding to the values (second evaluation item listing setting means, (list 608 related to “applicant” in FIG. 6).